

Teague ~~Residence~~ *House*
High and Perry Streets
Montgomery, Ala.
Montgomery Co.

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District No. 16

Historic American Buildings Survey
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TEAGUE RESIDENCE
Montgomery, Montgomery County, Alabama.

Ownership:

Present Owner: William Teague; from 1889 to present date.

Previous Owners: George Whitman. Bought the land from the Government.

Lewis Owen. From 1838 to 1935.

Nathaniel Wright. From 1835 to 1839.

Thomas Welch. From 1839 to 1840.

Louis Fellows. From 1840 to 1847.

Berry Owen. From 1847 to 1852

James Ware. From 1852 to 1884.

John C. Graham. From 1884 to 1889.

Date of Erection: About 1850.

Architect: Unknown.

Builder: Berry Owen.

Present Condition: The house is in excellent condition, and is one of the finest examples of its kind in Montgomery. Modern baths and other improvements that have been made have not affected the architectural quality of the building. (Lutz)

Number of Stories: Two.

Materials of Construction: The house has a brick foundation; tin roof with standing seams; the front steps are of marble; the floors are of pine; The exterior walls are of brick with masonry window lintels; the interior walls are of plaster over wooden laths.

Other Existing Records:

See: The Birmingham News. for June 24, 1934

"ALABAMA POSSESSOR OF RICH HERITAGE"

By Varian Fbare, (Mrs. E. Walter Burkhardt)

See: "ART WORK OF MONTGOMERY" (Part VII)
Department of Archives and History
Montgomery, Alabama. Published by
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Additional Data: The Teague house is one of the most beautiful in this section and is a typical example of the two story box type of southern home. It would possibly be classed as a Greek Revival type, and it is more refined than the average Greek Revival home. One of the most unusual features is the Ionic columns which have been preserved in excellent condition. The plan of the house and the out buildings, is typical to the period and the various details such as columns and windows are beautiful in proportion both to the mass of the building and to themselves. (Lutz)

George Whitman was one of the original land speculators of the old Alabama Company, the Alabama Town promoted by them being one of the subsequent parts of the Montgomery Incorporation of 1819. Lewis Owen was the original settler in Montgomery, a jeweler of national reputation, a man of considerable means and who built two of the towns most handsome houses(one, the Loeb house which was later dismantled for the Post Office, the other , the present office building of the Alabama Baptists Mission Board); Thomas Welch was United States Postmaster in Montgomery in 1859 continuing to the spring of 1861, when he became Confederate Postmaster. He was one of those who issued a provisional stamp; this item now commands a large premium. Berry Owen, who built the residence on this lot was a business man interested in livery stables and other projects.

The residence was used by General James Wilson as his headquarters from April 12, to April 14, 1865, while he stopped here on his march through Alabama. It was from the steps of this building that the proclamation taking formal command of the city was read. The surrender of the city to General Wilson did not take place here.

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